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In the Application of: Wheelock et al.

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For: Gear Drive Housing Having a
Continuously Variable Bearing System with
an Integral Seal Carrier

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed 24 December 2003, the Applicants respectfully submit this Response in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.